

Southwestern Alaska National Parks Climate Change Scenario Planning Workshop



AK Regional Office, Anchorage Room 309 February 22-25, 2011

ANNOTATED AGENDA

Tuesday, February 22nd

12:30 pm		ARRIVAL and COFFEE
1:00 pm	Plenary (Bob W.) (John M.)	 Welcome: Include: building access/passes, restrooms, snacks, coffee, eateries, stipends, etc. Introductions & Participant Expectations Workshop Objectives, Agenda, Ground Rules
2:00 pm	Plenary (Don C.)	Explain Scenario Planning
2:30 pm	Plenary (Don C.)	➤ Introduce the Focal Question(s) (Address scale: park & bioregion)
2:45 pm	Plenary (Nancy F.)	 Review process and pre-work in advance of workshop
3:00 pm		BREAK
3:15 pm	Plenary (Nancy F.)	 Present science information / overview General insights Climate drivers / uncertainties -> handouts Potential impacts -> handouts
	Plenary (Nancy F.)	 How to create scenarios using uncertainties Drawing from drivers and impacts tables to build scenarios
4:00 pm	Groups (Don C./John; Nancy F. & Nancy S.)	Build scenario Frameworks: Breakout into 2 rooms (322 and 309) for Riverine systems and Coastal systems: Identify key climate drivers that are relatively certain and those with "high uncertainty" but "high impact and importance" leading to challenging, plausible, relevant, and divergent futures
5:00 pm	Bud or Don	ADJOURN for Day

Plenary session notes by Anna Schempfer (UAF-SNAP) Group breakout notes by Bud Rice and Don Weeks (NPS)

Wednesday, February 23rd

8:00 am		ARRIVAL and COFFEE
8:15 am	Plenary (Nancy S.)	 Second thoughts and overnight insights Re-cap process (what we did and where we are going, including the next step to nest climate scenarios into a socio-political framework)
8:45 am	Groups	Continue to build climate driver framework and scenarios Select climate drivers and test matrix combinations. Draw from impacts table to detail implications for each scenario (natural resources, cultural resources, facilities, interpretation)
10:00 am		BREAK
10:15 am	Groups	 Build Climate Driver Framework and Scenarios (cont'd)
11:30 am	Plenary (John M.)	Report-out: Groups share draft climate driver frameworks and resulting scenarios with each other
12:00 pm		LUNCH
1:00 pm	Plenary (Don C.)	 Describe Socio-Political Framework relevant to Alaska More fully explain nested scenarios
1:30 pm	Groups	Explore Socio-Political drivers and implications Combine "bioregional climate" and "socio-political" frameworks to select nested scenarios leading to challenging, plausible, relevant, and divergent futures. Discuss all 4 scenarios within each quadrant for the socio-political framework. Select 3 to 4 nested futures to develop and build robust narratives for these scenarios.
2:30 pm		BREAK
2:45 pm	Groups	Continue building robust narratives and characters for the selected nested scenarios
4:00 pm	Groups	 Groups report out internally the process for climate driver selection and nested scenario selection and describe the selected nested climate futures (stories) and refine, as needed for report out in AM
5:00 pm	Plenary (Nancy S.)	FINAL THOUGHTS / QUESTIONS/ADJOURN for Day

Thursday, February 24th

8:00 am		ARRIVAL and COFFEE
8:15 am	Plenary (John M.)	Groups re-cap selected scenarios and storylines (15 min each + discussion) Groups share process for selecting 3-4 nested scenarios for challenging, plausible, relevant, and divergent futures
9:00 am	Plenary (Jeff M.)	Explain management implications & actions
9:30 am	Plenary (Jeff M. & John M.)	Presentation: From implications & actions to management decisions: various ways to use insights from scenarios; tips on communicating scenarios and formulating no regrets actions
10:00 am		BREAK
10:15 am	Groups	Identify potential actions for each of 3-4 chosen nested scenarios.
12:00 pm		LUNCH
1:00 pm	Groups	Develop findings and recommendations. Focus on no-regrets actions that apply to all selected climate future, when possible. Prepare for testing and scientific validation of scenarios, and consider the best way to communicate the issues.
3:00 pm		BREAK
3:15 pm	Groups	 Groups develop scenarios and storylines with actions and begin presentation preparation: Consider the overall messages and objectives
5:00 pm	Plenary (Nancy F.)	FINAL THOUGHTS / QUESTIONS/ADJOURN for Day

Friday, February 25th

8:00 am		ARRIVAL and COFFEE
8:15 am	Plenary (Nancy F.)	 Groups report-out scenarios and storylines (15 min each scenario + discussion)
10:00 am		BREAK
10:15 am	Plenary (Don W.) (Bob W.) (Nancy F.) (John M.) (Jeff M.)	 Next Steps: How do we use this work and where do we go with it? What actions apply to all scenarios => least regrets actions? Incorporate scenario planning into landscape-scale collaboration and adaptation (working with neighbors and across jurisdictions) Need for follow-up discussions/teleconferences to flesh out scenarios and actions and possibly up to 3 examples for each administrative unit Draft report from SNAP, web links and access to data Public Outreach and sharing CC scenarios within and outside NPS units. Final thoughts from Superintendents.
12:00 pm	(Bob W. or Bud R.)	FINAL THOUGHTS / THANKS/ ADJOURN